

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please replace the Abstract with the following:

--A joint for supporting a ball-bearing control cable passing through a guiding tube in a wall from a first side of said wall to a second side of said wall. The guiding tube has two sections, each with at least a first end. The cable includes an element which is longitudinally movable within the guiding tube. The joint comprises a nut disposed on the first side of the wall and has a threaded sleeve extending from the nut. The threaded sleeve is configured to pass through the wall. The nut has an axial cavity with at least one spherical wall which opens outward in a divergent bore inside the threaded sleeve. A ring formed in the shape of a portion of a ball is disposed in the axial cavity of the nut, and is adapted to rotate freely in all directions within the axial cavity of the nut in contact with the at least one spherical wall of the nut. The ring is configured to receive one end of each of the two sections of the guiding tube, so that the ends of the two sections of the guiding tube may be assembled coaxially within the ring. The joint further includes a lock-nut adapted to be threaded on the threaded sleeve on the second side of the wall.--